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I am contributing this comment to be considered in the case of US vs. Microsoft. As I am intimately involved in the day to day activities of maintaining a corporate network, I feel qualified to comment on the injustice that is being suggested in the Proposed Final Judgement. My daily tasks are multiplied in levels of difficulty simply because our organization attempts to use competing open source products. The number of obstacles Microsoft has placed in the way of interoperability demand that they be restricted from this type of activity in the future. Microsoft should be prevented from imposing anti-competitive measures in their licensing agreements. I would refer to Kegel's statements as documented at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html#abe> for further information regarding this particular issue.

As it is put forth, the PFJ is inadequate and will prove useless in preventing anti-competitive measures by Microsoft; measures that do not just hurt corporations trying to compete with Microsoft, but also the consumers like myself.

Thank you for your attention.
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